

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S103–S122*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3448–3469, and S. Res. 486. **Pages S117–118**

#### **Measures Passed:**

***Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley Congressional Gold Medal Act:*** Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 450, to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S119–120, S120–121**

Schumer (for Burr) Amendment No. 4897, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S119–120, S120–121**

***FAST Act Computer-Related Projects:*** Senate passed S. 3451, to include certain computer-related projects in the Federal permitting program under title XLI of the FAST Act. **Page S121**

***Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 486, recognizing Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Day on December 14, 2021. **Page S121**

**Davidson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Alan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information. **Pages S103–113**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 3), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S113**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, January 11, 2022; and that all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 2:20 p.m. and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Pages S121–122**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Kristyn E. Jones, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Frank Calvelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Lester Martinez-Lopez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Agnes Schaefer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Timothy Baker, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2026.

Nancy G. Abudu, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Julianna Michelle Childs, of South Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Paul Monteiro, of Maryland, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years. **Page S122**

#### **Messages from the House:**

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#### **Measures Read the First Time:**

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#### **Executive Communications:**

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#### **Additional Cosponsors:**

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#### **Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

#### **Additional Statements:**

**Pages S115–116**

#### **Amendments Submitted:**

**Pages S119–120**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—3) **Page S113**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and recessed at 8:05 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S121–122.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 17 public bills, H.R. 6354–6370; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 860–864, were introduced. **Page H8**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H9–10**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3485, to impose sanctions on foreign persons responsible for violations of internationally recognized human rights against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) individuals, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–224, Part 1); and

H. Res. 860, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1836) to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the time during which members of the Armed Forces serve on active duty for training qualifies for educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4673) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the automatic enrollment of eligible veterans in patient enrollment system of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–225). **Page H8**

**Call of the House:** The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (404 present, Roll No. 1). **Pages H5–6**

**Committee to Notify the President of the Assembly of the House:** The House agreed to H. Res. 861, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee on the part of the House to notify the President that a quorum of the House has assembled, and that the House is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Hoyer and McCarthy to the committee. **Page H6**

**Notifying the Senate That a Quorum of the House Has Assembled:** The House agreed to H. Res. 862, authorizing the Clerk of the House to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House is present and that the House is ready to proceed with business. **Page H6**

**Meeting Hour:** The House agreed to H. Res. 863, providing for the hour of meeting of the House. **Page H6**

**Morning Hour Debate:** Agreed by unanimous consent that the order of the House of January 4, 2021, providing for Morning Hour Debate, be extended for

the remainder of the 117th Congress, except that H. Res. 863 shall supplant H. Res. 11. **Page H6**

**Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the Honorable Harry Mason Reid, Jr., a Senator from the State of Nevada:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in state of the remains of the Honorable Harry Mason Reid, Jr., a Senator from the State of Nevada. **Pages H6–7**

**Providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the rotunda of the Capitol for the Honorable Harry Mason Reid, Jr., a Senator from the State of Nevada:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 26, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the rotunda of the Capitol for the Honorable Harry Mason Reid, Jr., a Senator from the State of Nevada. **Page H7**

**Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Harry Mason Reid, Jr.:** The House agreed to H. Res. 864, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Harry Mason Reid, Jr. **Page H7**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Buck presented to the Clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the bill, H. Res. 823, providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 3460) to amend title 28 of the United States Code to prevent the transfer of actions arising under the antitrust laws in which a State is a complainant (Discharge Petition No. 9).

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One quorum call (Roll No. 1) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H5–6.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 6:30 p.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 864, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Harry Mason Reid.

## Committee Meetings

### GUARD AND RESERVE GI BILL PARITY ACT OF 2021; EVEST ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1836, the “Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021”; and H.R. 4673, the “EVEST Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1836, the “Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021”, and H.R. 4673, the “EVEST Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1836, the “Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–25 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report. Each further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4673, the “EVEST Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on the bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–26 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 5 shall be considered only in the order printed in the

report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 5 of the rule provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. The rule provides that amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report and amendments en bloc described in section 5 of the resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that House Resolution 188, agreed to March 8, 2021, is amended by striking “January 21, 2022” each place it appears and inserting “February 4, 2022”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Takano and Representative Bost.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges for maintaining existing hydropower capacity, expanding hydropower at non-powered dams, and increasing pumped storage hydropower, 10 a.m., SD–366.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine a Federal perspective on the COVID–19 response, focusing on addressing new variants, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the domestic terrorism threat one year after January 6, 10 a.m., SH–216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing entitled “Security of the Capitol Campus since the Attack of January 6, 2021”, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility: The Current Crisis, the Response, and the Way Forward”, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Oversight and Reform,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Cybersecurity for the New Frontier: Reforming the Federal Information Security Modernization Act”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 11 through January 14, 2022

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Alan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 2:20 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Alan Davidson, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* January 12, business meeting to consider the nominations of Chavonda J. Jacobs-Young, of Georgia, to be Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and Margo Schlanger, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Agriculture, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Armed Services:* January 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Celeste Ann Wallander, of Maryland, Melissa Griffin Dalton, of Virginia, and John F. Plumb, of New York, each to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* January 11, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

January 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and Sandra L.

Thompson, of Maryland, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* January 11, to hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges for maintaining existing hydropower capacity, expanding hydropower at non-powered dams, and increasing pumped storage hydropower, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* January 12, business meeting to consider the nominations of David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, and Henry Christopher Frey, of North Carolina, both to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Martha Williams, of Montana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and 18 GSA resolutions; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Water Resources Development Act, focusing on USACE implementation of water infrastructure projects, programs, and priorities, 2:45 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* January 12, business meeting to consider the nominations of Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, Donald Armin Blome, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Joseph Donnelly, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, and Michele Taylor, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, all of the Department of State, Alice P. Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Enoch T. Ebong, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, and other pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Sarah H. Cleveland, of New York, to be Legal Adviser, James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, George J. Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to Greece, and Beth Van Schaack, of California, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 9 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* January 11, to hold hearings to examine a Federal perspective on the COVID-19 response, focusing on addressing new variants, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

January 12, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, and Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, both to be an Assistant Secretary, and David Weil, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, all of the Department of Labor, Amy Loyd, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education, Javier Ramirez, of Illinois, to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director, Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation

Board, and Susan Harthill, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* January 13, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret A. Burnham, of Massachusetts, Gabrielle M. Dudley, of Georgia, Henry Klibanoff, of Georgia, and Brenda E. Stevenson, of California, each to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board, 10:15 a.m., VTC.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* January 12, to hold hearings to examine closing the digital divide in Native communities through infrastructure investment, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* January 11, to hold hearings to examine the domestic terrorism threat one year after January 6, 10 a.m., SH-216.

January 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 9 a.m., SD-226.

January 13, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 2992, to provide that certain discriminatory conduct by covered platforms shall be unlawful, and the nominations of Alison J. Nathan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Leonard Philip Stark, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, Bridget Meehan Brennan, Charles Esque Fleming, and David Augustin Ruiz, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, Victoria Marie Calvert, and Sarah Elisabeth Geraghty, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Jaqueline Scott Corley, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Dale E. Ho, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Charlotte N. Sweeney, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Hernan D. Vera, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Georgette Castner, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Ruth Bermudez Montenegro, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Julie Rebecca Rubin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland,

Cristina D. Silva, and Anne Rachel Traum, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, Katherine Vidal, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and Ryan K. Buchanan, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, Andrew M. Luger, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota, Mark A. Totten, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan, and Jason M. Frierson, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada, all of the Department of Justice, 9 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* January 11, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

January 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD-G50.

*Special Committee on Aging:* January 13, to hold hearings to examine financial literacy, focusing on addressing the unique just-in-time decisions older Americans and people with disabilities face, 9:30 a.m., VTC.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* January 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Implications of Electric Vehicle Investments for Agriculture and Rural America”, 10 a.m., Zoom.

*Committee on Appropriations,* January 12, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing entitled “Impact of Continuing Resolutions on the Department of Defense and Services”, 10 a.m., Webex.

*Committee on Small Business,* January 12, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Review of SBA’s Top Management and Performance Challenges in Fiscal Year 2022 and SBA OIG’s Semiannual Report to Congress”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* January 12, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2022: Administration Priorities”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Tuesday, January 11

## Senate Chamber

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*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 11

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Consideration of H. Res. 860—Providing for Consideration of H.R. 1836—Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2021 and H.R. 4672—EVEST Act.

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